

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BEFORE THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

INQUIRY CONCERNING FORMER
JUDGE RONALD C. KLINE,

No. 181.

NOTICE OF FORMAL
PROCEEDINGS

To Ronald C. Kline, a judge of the Orange County Superior Court from
November 3, 1995, to December 31, 2002:

Preliminary investigation pursuant to Rules of the Commission on Judicial
Performance, rules 109 and 111, having been made, the Commission on Judicial
Performance has concluded that formal proceedings should be instituted to inquire
into the charges specified against you herein.

By the following allegations you are charged with conduct prejudicial to
the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute within the
meaning of article VI, section 18 of the California Constitution providing for
censure of a former judge and a bar from receiving an assignment, appointment, or
reference of work from any California state court, to wit:

On or about November 5, 2001, you were in criminal possession of child pornography in violation of title 18, United States Code, section 2252A(a) (5) (B).

YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE, pursuant to Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, rule 118, that formal proceedings have been instituted and shall proceed in accordance with Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, rules 101-138.

Pursuant to Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, rules 104(c) and 119, you must file a written answer to the charges against you within twenty (20) days after service of this notice upon you. The answer shall be filed with the Commission on Judicial Performance, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 14400, San Francisco, California 94102-3660. The answer shall be verified and shall conform in style to subdivision (b) of rule 14 of the California Rules of Court. The Notice of Formal Proceedings and answer shall constitute the pleadings. No further pleadings shall be filed and no motion or demurrer shall be filed against any of the pleadings.

This Notice of Formal Proceedings may be amended pursuant to Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, rule 128(a).

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE

DATED: June 15, 2006

/s/
MARSHALL B. GROSSMAN
CHAIRPERSON